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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

JULY 26-27, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for July 26-27, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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2. Evrensel / Sevim Yetkiner, who was arrested for helping terrorist groups is supported by Human Rights Organization in Istanbul. "She had only been to the funeral of Ismet Baycan who died in Mus Prison to get arrested. Attending a funeral can not be a crime," announced Kiraz Bicici, Head of the Human Rights Organization in Istanbul.

3. Tercuman, Hurriyet / Hasibe Gockir sued SSK Hospital in Adana for giving her the wrong blood type during her stay at the hospital.

4. Bolge / Fikri Baslamisli, Assistant Head of the Medical Faculty at Cukurova University announced that fetuses found in the university refuse area should have been handed to the mortuary. "This is a horrible mistake", Baslamisli stated.

5. Milliyet / Forty people are being questioned by the police in Mersin for sexually abusing a 16-year old girl.

6. Turkiye / Health officials fear anthrax in Gorgu/Malatya. About 150 animals are sick. Officials are waiting for the report from the pathology laboratory.  
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